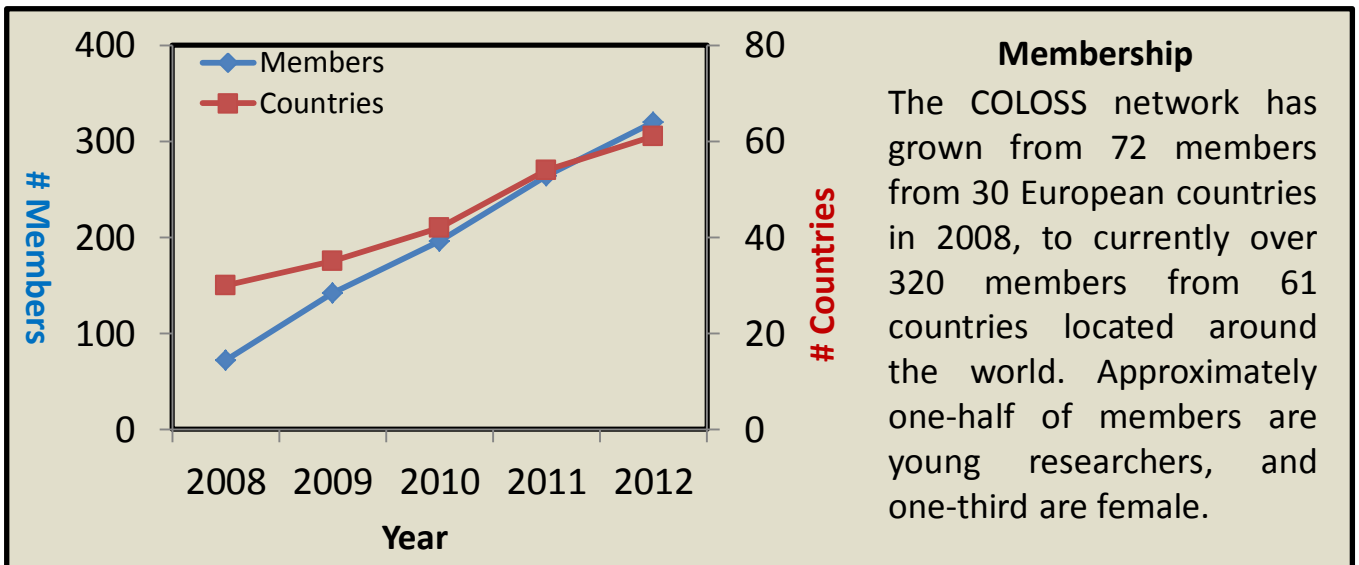


COLOSS Scientific Report

COST financial support for research network COLOSS (Prevention of honey bee colony losses) will finish at the end of 2012. As a result, a draft of the COST Final Evaluation Report was submitted in late July. After discussions with COST, the network Rapporteur, and the executive and management committees of COLOSS at the upcoming meeting, a final version will be submitted in the autumn. The report summarizes all the major achievements of the network over the last four years of COST funding to date.



Membership

The COLOSS network has grown from 72 members from 30 European countries in 2008, to currently over 320 members from 61 countries located around the world. Approximately one-half of members are young researchers, and one-third are female.

Events

COLOSS has organized four conferences, 30 workshops, and two training schools throughout Europe (yellow dots), in addition to 41 Short-term Scientific Missions.



Significant Achievements

- The laboratory manual 'COLOSS BEEBOOK: standard methods for *Apis mellifera* research'
- The COLOSS Questionnaire, a survey monitoring colony loss data from >20 countries globally
- Coordination of multiple pan-European research projects (e.g. the COLOSS Genotype-Environmental Interactions Experiment, laboratory cage standardization)
- >200 co-authored peer-reviewed scientific publications